

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- When the input receiver 101 receives a claim tree display command, the specification read-in part 103 reads-in a specification, as specified by the input receiver 101, from the storage part 102. However, if the storage part 102 contains only one specification, that specification will be taken out. Typically, the specification read-in part 103 can be formed by ~~an MPU~~ a microprocessor unit (MPU), a memory device, and the like, and processes assigned thereto are realized by software that is stored in a recording medium such as a hard disk. However, hardware implementation (using a dedicated circuit) is also feasible. --